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**Re: New Application for POST OPERATIVE PATIENT ASSIST DEVICE**

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is the 10 page specification, 3 pages of claims ( 21-30), abstract, executed declaration, check for \$385.00, Form 1449 and 6 pages of drawings containing Figures 1-12. Please put your Patent Office stamp on the self addressed stamped postcard and deposit with the United States Postal Service.

It is noted that this Continuation-In-Part application depends on filing date of Application No. 10/195,644, filed July 12, 2002 and has the title of POST OPERATIVE PATIENT ASSIST DEVICE.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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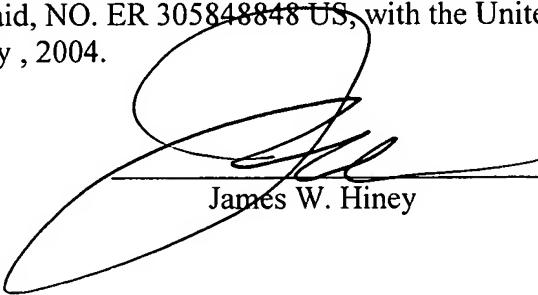
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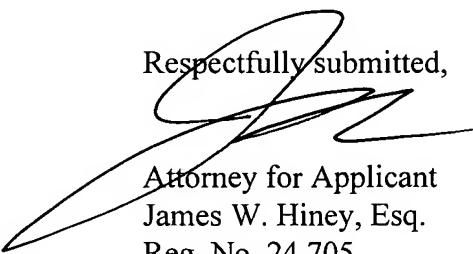
Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed with the specification and drawings.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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